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to Miss Alice R. Woods, whose charm
and personality have endeared her to
hundreds of Higgins boys and girls.

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Class Song

HAIL, HIGGINS JUNIOR HIGH

(Adapted from Hail, Pennsylvania)

Hail, Higgins Junior High! Steadfast
and strong;
To thee with loyal hearts, we sing this
song,
Swelling to heaven high, our many
praises ring;
Hail Higgins Junior High, to thee we
sing.

Hail, Higgins Junior High! Guide of
our youth;
Lead thou thy children on to light and
truth;
Ne'er can thy spirit die, nor thy walls
decay,
Hail, Higgins Junior High, for thee we
pray.



Class History

IT seems that time has passed only too quickly since entering Junior High. It becomes our privilege but sad duty to write this Class History. It was a never-to-be-forgotten year, full of school activities. It was also a tragic year due to the war and naturally we of A. D. Higgins Junior High have tried to do our share to help in this all out war effort. What we are about to relate will go down as one of the most active and eventful years of A. D. Higgins Junior High.

September classes started with a bang, and various clubs were immediately organized. As in the past, one of the first duties was to organize a Student Government to meet each month with Mr. White and discuss activities and problems. This chosen group is known as a Student Council.

The annual magazine drive was conducted with great success. The Blue Team won in its contest with the Red Team. The leading salesman was Robert Harrison. Prizes were distributed to the

Class Poem

The A. D. Higgins Junior High will
soon be in our past,
We are leaving friends and teachers
dear, the time has gone by fast.
We've studied hard and learned a lot to
please our Mr. White,
But now the term is over and our hearts
are gripped so tight.

We know that progress is our lot, to
gain it we must move,
We act so brave, our fears are great and
that's not hard to prove.
But hand in hand we march along to
seek another school,
Where we'll work and play and study
hard, and apply the golden rule.

Helen Barszcz, 8A

salesmen at a school assembly. Miss J. Therese Twomey was in charge of the Blue Team and Miss Alice Woods directed the Red Team.

Miss Mary Browne organized the Glee Club as soon as school started and during the year we sang at several public gatherings.

Another important organization was the Defense Club which was directed by Miss Eileen V. Smith. This club was very active and had accomplished a great deal during the year of 1943. Other clubs were the Girl Reserves and Latin Club.

At long last we received our first report cards of the school season. There were many beaming faces and some long ones. That was only for a short while, because the Hallowe'en Dance was next on the program, and needless to say, every one had a grand time.

In December each room had a Christmas Party. We played games, had ice cream, cake and soda for refreshments. In the midst of excitement and holiday joy we each received our gifts. Happily we went home to enjoy our Christmas vacation.

1943—The New Year arrived. With new resolutions, new hopes, and renewed vigor we pitched right in to hard work.

One of the first things we did when we came back to school was to choose a

new Student Council and elect officers for the 1943 Graduating Class who are President, John Fleming; Vice-President, Francis Robinson; Secretary, Dorothy Allen.

February brought Valentine's Day and each class made attractive boxes, in which to drop our cards. The boxes were jammed full with a variety of cards. What fun we had reading one another's cards filled with inspiring love.

We saw our first rationing of the war which brought changes to our schools. Our teachers were busy and of necessity we had a few days off to accommodate both teachers and our townspeople.

I think this year will go down in history as the coldest winter for years. Even some of the old timers don't remember such a cold snap. Due to fuel shortage and extreme cold, one day, we were forced to go to the auditorium and dance to keep warm. Other schools were closed during the coldest days.

Our class colors being Red, White, and Blue are right and fitting to the times. I think, we, as a whole, of A. D. Higgins Junior High have done our patriotic duty in helping in this war effort. We led in the purchase of War Bonds and Stamps and during the month of April we participated in the Second War Loan Drive. A Minuteman Flag was presented to our school as a result of 90 per cent of the pupils in the school purchasing War Bonds and Stamps. We also collected scrap, silk stockings, and fats for explosives.

Four plays were presented during the year which were all inspiring.

They are as follows:

"Book Week" directed by Miss Marie C. Shea.

"For Want of a Nail" and "You Can Count On Us" directed by Miss B. Elizabeth White.

"A Day in a Roman School" directed by Miss Mary F. Clancy.

"Jefferson Lives Today" directed by Miss Winifred M. Stewart.

It has been the custom every year to present a gift to the school from the Graduating Class. This year, however, we have left money to the school, in order that they might buy pictures to help redecorate the rooms.

Our saddest event during the year of 1943 was the death of Miss Anna M. Sullivan whom we mourn deeply. Miss Augustine C. Fisher was substituting for her as nurse and now has become our regular nurse, whom we have learned to love devotedly.

During April we had a busy time. Discussions started about Graduation and our class pictures were taken. After Easter vacation we had to fill out cards

stating what course we were expecting to take in High School. That was the busiest time of the year in preparation for Graduation. Everyone was on pins and needles and rushing around trying to have things done. All the work had to be done, in order to have the Tatler printed.

Miss Eileen V. Smith had her annual Fashion Show featuring made-over garments by her sewing classes.

We held our Graduation Dance in the auditorium which was quite a gala event, the girls in their hues of rainbow colors and the boys quite proper in their suits.

Instead of a picnic or a trip we had a banquet at the Mountain Laurel. The food was delightful and no one worried about ration books.

Then came Graduation Day and more excitement. The contrast was striking on the stage, the girls all in white and boys in their dark suits, all with serious faces as they were each handed their diploma.

Our hearts were filled with joy on receiving this parting gift, but we felt downhearted at parting with the teachers and our classmates. Yet all things must progress, and so must we, as we go on to Enfield High to continue the good work taught us by the A. D. Higgins Junior High.

We thank Mr. White and the teachers of the A. D. Higgins School who have given to us their guidance and understanding in preparing us for the future. And now with the deepest regrets in our hearts we say farewell to our dearly beloved Alma Mater.

Helen Kubic,
Frances Ambrosini,
Class Historians.

Class Statistics

Prettiest Girl.....	Barbara Reinhardt
Handsomest Boy	George Mumblo
Vainest Girl.....	Marie O'Brien
Vainest Boy.....	George Mumblo
Most Popular Girl.....	Micheline Scavatto
Most Popular Boy.....	Francis Robinson
Quietest Girl.....	Shirley Piper
Quietest Boy.....	Stanley Siminoko
Most Talkative Girl.....	Mary Radosti
Most Talkative Boy.....	Clare Warzyski
Class Artist.....	Helen Kubic
Class Athlete.....	Matthew Pliszka
Class Pet.....	Frances Ambrosini
Class Sheik.....	Francis Robinson
Wittiest Girl.....	Joyce Dineen
Wittiest Boy.....	Jack Fleming
Class Poet.....	Helen Barszcz
Smartest Girl.....	Shirley Raiissi
Smartest Boy.....	Philip Pare

“Work for Freedom”

VALEDICTORY

FOR our motto we have selected “Work for Freedom.” We hope this motto will help us in our future lives as we work to establish freedom for all people throughout the world. This motto is particularly appropriate for these times in view of the work to be done to extend our own freedom and bring it to the conquered countries.

On January 6, 1941, President Roosevelt in his annual message to Congress, laid the foundations for future peace when he proclaimed the historic Four Freedoms as follows:

“In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.

“The first is freedom of speech and expression—everywhere in the world.

“The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—everywhere in the world.

“The third is freedom from want, which translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants—everywhere in the world.

“The fourth is freedom from fear, which translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor—anywhere.”

This message inspired America. As soon as an artist named Norman Rockwell heard it, he decided to portray the meaning of President Roosevelt’s Four Freedoms so that all people might understand them through his pictures. In a small studio in Vermont Norman Rockwell painted his original masterpieces which President Roosevelt called “superb.” The people who posed for these pictures were his friends and neighbors who lived in his home town.

The picture Norman Rockwell painted of Freedom of Speech is of a rich glorious color. It shows a man standing upright, with his head raised high, firm, and free from fear. As Lowell Thomas said, “He is speaking his mind. That is his American right. He stands up to express himself at the Town Meeting in some little hamlet that might be anywhere in this land. He may be voicing one of a hundred arguments on subjects affecting his community. The cause for

which he speaks matters little. What does matter is that all those other faces in the picture, his neighbors, young and old, are turned upward to him in rapt attention. And you know that here is America speaking, here is a man enjoying the right of all free men to speak his thoughts.”

The picture of American folk with their hands folded in prayer is Norman Rockwell’s idea of Freedom of Worship. Young men and women, children, and old people are shown, each worshipping in accordance with his own conscience. If you look intently you might imagine that you hear the church bells tolling, so reverently has the artist portrayed the spirit of worship.

To portray Freedom from Want Norman Rockwell painted a picture of a great feast. Of this modest family sitting down to Thanksgiving dinner Lowell Thomas said, “These are happy faces for they know no want.” By the look on their faces you can see that grace has been said. They have given thanks not only for their food, but for the right of sitting together in peace. We hope that this nation shall never know the fear of want.

The fourth and last freedom which Norman Rockwell illustrates is Freedom from Fear. It is a picture of a home—a home without fear. You can see a mother leaning over her children as she puts them to bed. The faces on both the husband and wife show a calm and reverent feeling which comes to those free from fear. They don’t have to worry about being bombed. They look forward contentedly to the next day when the father will go to his work, the children to school, and the mother to her household duties. Such is the happy home where people live in freedom and peace.

The Four Freedoms are thus our challenge to the Axis—our promise of a better world.

Before leaving the A. D. Higgins School we want to thank the members of the Board of Education, Mr. Lee, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. White, our principal, and all our teachers for their splendid cooperation in guiding us through Junior High School. We shall always remember their kindness toward us. Let us try to repay them for their efforts in our behalf by remembering what they have taught us. We will do our best to make the most of our training and to continue our good work in high school.

1963 Who's Who of the Class of '43

(COMPILED FROM NEWS BULLETINS)

Dorothy Allen is now working as secretary to Taylor Gable, famous movie star. She makes a hobby of writing quaint bits of poetry in praise of her favorite movie hero.

"To Europe by Cattle Boat," the newest book by *Philip Pare*, famed journalist and author, has just been published by the Fiore and Reino Publishing Company, established fifteen years ago by *Ralph Fiore* and *Frank Reino*.

Dr. Alice Krusinski, working in collaboration with *Dr. Gloria Carroll* and two prominent nurses, *Ann Frangiamore* and *Jean Field*, are trying to find out what causes "Jitterbugs." They are carrying on their research in the Su-Z-Q Building owned by *Charles Graham*.

George Mumblo, Enfield's famed clarinet player, announced last week the grand opening of the Club 55%. A special feature of the club is his Corny Clarinet Clowners. The club opened with a grand dedication by *Mayor Charles Dedonis*.

Edward Kot, great center of the Original Celtics, scored twelve baskets from the floor last night. Ed has been hailed the greatest basketball player of all time.

Along highway No. 9, you may visit "*Leland Goodale's Poultry Farm*." Leland has succeeded in breeding hens that lay multi-colored eggs. He will not disclose his process and we hear that he is now experimenting in breeding hens that will lay eggs with initials on them.

Last night at Carnegie Hall, *John*

Brigada, world famous singer, made his debut. He packed the theater with Cafe Society's most prominent people. His debut was a great success and we predict a great future for this former son of Thompsonville.

James (Rembrandt) Puniglio is now exhibiting his famous "Waterloo Hamlet" at the National Museum Art Gallery.

Among those recently returned from duty overseas are Ensign *Francis Robinson* and Captain *Joseph Cerrato*. They have both received awards for bravery.

That new coach at Suffield Academy is really a wonder. His name is *Joseph Cimino*. He has taught his students many good plays and they have been very successful in their games against other schools.

Well, finally, we have our first modern all refrigerated grocery store. Yes, you guessed it, the owner is *Benny Alaimo*. Some of the girls working for him are *Lillian Allegro* and *Dorothy Duda*. He has a booming business and we wish him luck.

Frances Ambrosini and *June Cowles* have opened their "Twin Apparel Shop." The opening was a grand success. Good luck, Frances and June.

Recent visitors in town were *Brownislav Yuodis*, *Raymond Pohorylo*, and *Charles Halbwachs*, all members of the United States Marines.

Miss *Betty Bean*, jolly jelly bean heiress, is now vacationing in Miami.

It has recently been announced that *Mario Di Franco*, the symphony conductor, will present a concert in the new Town Music Hall. The proceeds will go to the fund for mice for alley cats.

Our well known "lady of the press," Miss *Adela Skipton*, having suffered a nervous breakdown, left yesterday for Miami, Florida, where she will stay until she regains her health.

Wanda Bednarski and *Charlotte Clark* have opened an Antique Shop and are advertising for antiques of any kind, genuine or otherwise.

Madam BuDarry, otherwise known as *Barbara Reinhardt*, has announced the opening of her School of Charm on Fifth Avenue, New York City. Her staff of charming charmers are *Helen Kubic*, instructor of voice, *Micheline Scavotto*, instructor of ballroom dancing, *Jennie Porcello*, instructor in correct dress, and

Members of the graduating class, consider how we may "Work for Freedom." Are we doing our part in helping to win the war by participating in all activities open to boys and girls? Are we keeping ourselves in the best of health so that we may work and study efficiently? Do we try to learn all we can about our privileges and duties as American citizens? Are we willing to work diligently to prepare ourselves to serve our country in some useful vocation? Are we interested in studying plans for peaceful cooperation among all nations after the war to insure justice and freedom for all people? If we concentrate our interests and our efforts on these questions, we shall be carrying out our motto, "Work for Freedom."

—Shirley Raissi.



STUDENT COUNCIL

—Photo by Brown



THE GLEE CLUB

—Photo by Brown

Helen Tuomala is the charming business manager.

Florence Bush has stunned the hair-dressing world with a new coiffure which she calls the "Upsie-downsie-sides-all-sweepsie." Florence practices all her artistic creations on her two models, *Alice Malides* and *Elvira Albano*.

A state wide roundup of criminals is being staged by Police Chief *Robert Harrison*. The criminals will be apprehended within the next 24 hours, Police Chief Harrison states.

Albert Distazio has hired *Lester Hicks* as auctioneer to auction off some of his Jersey cows at his farm in Hazardville. The cows have been expertly cared for and are in perfect health.

William Campbell, impersonator, is making a personal appearance tour. He is going to visit his home town of Enfield, where he will give a performance at the New Foo Opera House.

Ronald Wing, neatly attired in a light brown tweed suit, stepped off the gangplank at New York, many pounds heavier. Mr. Wing has been in France on diplomatic service for some time.

Michael Carzello, the strong, silent man has come to the front again. He has established a new world's record for the Bendix Trophy Race.

Jackie Fleming, Chief Jitterbugger of Smokey Corners, will dance his latest dance creation at the Jitterbug Jamboree to be held in the Smokey Corners City Hall. He calls it the Alphabet Dance.

Joyce Dineen and *Marie O'Brien* have just copyrighted a new invention "Tis-ke-t, a Tasket—That Finds This Basket," which is a new kind of basketball. At a touch, it is guaranteed to find its way into the nearest basket. Some invention!

Rita Moak has opened a kindergarten in the exclusive section of River Street. Her staff includes *June Niemiec*, *Evelyn Rybeck*, and *Mary Parakilas*.

Charles Maniscalchi, noted aviator, has announced to the Press today that he will attempt to break the present altitude record of 79,697 feet held by *Walter De Lisle*. This feat is attracting country-wide attention.

Angelo Vella, the star wing of the Bruins, made five goals last night, enabling his team to beat the Maple Leaf team. *Donald Mullen* and *Stanley Siemienoko*, those immortal aces of hockey, said that they had never seen a faster man on the ice.

A few days ago, *Marian Lucas* made her bow to the movie world in the film, "What Do I Care?" Miss Lucas' personal secretary, *Helen Kudla*, stated that the star is so happy over her success

that she could not eat a morsel for several days. Such is fame.

Sadie Passalacqua, *Shirley Piper*, *Marilyn O'Neil* and *Carmella Vella* have just returned from the annual Telephone Operator's Convention in New York City. They were accompanied by *Lewis Wilby*, manager of the local company.

Agatha Arnone has just published her new book "Mathematics Made Easy," and her publisher, *Michael Sperrazza*, says that if you can't do problems after reading her book he gives up.

Leo Arnone, the heavyweight wrestler and marvel of Scitico and vicinity, today made known through the newspapers that for his first match he will wrestle a baby elephant. Leo weighs 250 pounds in his trunks and the baby elephant weighs 505 pounds with his trunk. This should be a feat that will put Superman to shame.

The "American Clipper" was discovered this morning, after having been forced down in the Nevada Badlands. Radioman *Paul Vella*, repairing his damaged set, contacted the head operator, *Robert Rivard* at Nevada Landing Field and gave news that Co-Pilots *William Norris* and *Bernard MacKay* had sustained severe bruises. Passengers on board included *Virginia Porcello*, *Lena Puma*, and *Lena Arnone*, who were returning from a Hairdresser's Convention in California. They received no injuries. Until help arrived, Stewardess *Shirley Raissi* provided food for the group. Clogged gas line is believed to have been the cause of the accident.

Helen Kolakowski, head of the "Gee You're Nutty Candy Firm," announced today that she has appointed *Anna D'Addabbo* and *Doris Nosal* executives of the firm as a reward for originating the new "Nuts for the Nutty" candy bar. She also has appointed *Efchia Pappas*, *Sophie Percoski*, *Mary Radosti* and *Teresa Riley* representatives of the firm in Germany, Russia, Italy and Ireland.

The S. S. Sunkum has been shipwrecked off the coast of Gibraltar. Prominent persons aboard were *Ruth* and *Bernice Maylott*, and *Dominick Mangini*, talented artists, returning from an art convention in Paris. *Lorna Runkey*, *Helen Barszcz* and *Thelma Puleri*, models who are reported to be the most photographed girls in the world, were also on board. Rescue ships have gone to the aid of the S. S. Sunkum.

Wilfred Bielitz, president of the Mello-Ripe Banana Company, announced that in the near future all banana skins will be equipped with zippers to facilitate the consumption of bananas at afternoon teas. They will be introduced for the first time by *Sally Higginbotham*, author of "How to Eat Spaghetti Gracefully."

Edward Krajewski, electric wire repairman, is recovering from the shock which he suffered as a result of attempting to tight rope walk on some electric wires to prove himself to be as spry as he was in '43."

Matthew Pliszka, that "one man" sports reporter, has just been assigned as Office Scoop. He is working in New York City on the Daily Bugle.

The Dainty Beauty Salon on Fifth Avenue, New York, under the proprietorship of Mary Katsis will open on June 15. This salon has the latest beauty machine, The Dainty Dot Machine, which is guaranteed to take off one pound in five minutes. The operators of this strange gadget are Marilyn Creelman and Janet Kennedy.

Radio News announces that Jerry Sullivan's Swingsters will replace Clare Warzyski's Harmonica Band on the Chew Chew Gum Hour. Jean Gabriel will be on the same program and will give her interpretation of animals and bird calls.

Evelyn Zirolli and Lillian Gacona, dramatic stars, will bring to life that great tragedy "Two Women and a Horse." On the new theater of the air Benny Frangiamore and Ernest Scavotto who will favor the radio world with song and merriment are the new successors to Abbott and Costello.

Walter Krupezak, who has spent the best years of his life as a radio critic, said in an interview today that these programs top any he has yet heard.

Dominick Cardaropoli, proprietor of the La Bella Napoli Restaurant, announces the introduction of his elastic spaghetti. For five years, Mr. Cardaropoli has groaned at the amateurish efforts of customers as they tried to gobble a couple of feet of Italian energy. This new spaghetti stretches like elastic and when sufficiently stretched will twang into the customers' open eyes—er, pardon me, open mouth, and then it is readily chewed. Simple isn't it? (Or is it?) The spaghetti is being manufactured by the Lepore Elastic Spaghetti Company.

Robert Blackmore, cartoonist, is reported in dire trouble. His comic creations Freddie Flea and Fannie Flea are having domestic trouble. Your correspondent has learned that Fannie is mad at Freddie. At the present time Blackmore is having his hands full in an attempt to bring a reconciliation.

Thus we've prophesied "Who's Who" of the Class of '43 in 1963. So now—Time Marches on.

June Niemiec,
Marie O'Brien,
Joyce Dineen.

Class Will

DEAR FRIENDS:

You have been summoned here today to hear a very important announcement. Recently, in a local newspaper, there appeared a startling item. Amid all the world news of today, stood out the report that the class of 1943, of the A. D. Higgins School is to leave this planet on June 15th. We, the attorneys for the class of 1943, have requested you to assemble here to receive the many valuable gifts which this class has bequeathed to you. Just as it has been outstanding in all things, so indeed are the gifts which are bestowed so generously and gladly. Listen intently; please, while we read to you this last will and testament of the class of 1943.

1. John Brigada leaves his lovely singing voice to Stanley Pepek.

2. Barbara Merrill receives Anna D'Addabo's "Daddy Long Legs."

3. Marie O'Brien leaves her red hair to Margaret Garner.

4. Frances Ambrosini leaves her tiny stature to Margaret Bruno.

5. Shirley Raissi leaves all her knowledge to the seventh graders.

6. Philip Paré and Francis Robinson leave their popularity with the girls to Herbert Quick and Gordon Frew.

7. Alan Sheehan, a very small boy, receives the great dancing ability of Jackie Fleming.

8. Mario De Franco kept 8A amused with his clowning. He hopes Henry Zybrera will carry on for him.

9. June Niemiec and Helen Tuomala leave their job collecting class dues to next year's business managers.

10. Adela Skipton leaves her job as "Editor-in-Chief" of the Tatler to one of the seventh grade journalists.

11. Helen Kubic leaves her drawing ability to Patsy D'Amato.

12. To next year's advertising staff we leave this year's new ads.

13. Matthew Pliska leaves his athletic ability to Charles Scalia.

14. Edward Kot and Angelo Vella leave their job collecting milk bottles to some seventh grade milkmen.

15. Mary Katsis leaves her nice personality to Clifford Angelica.

16. Ann Frangiamore leaves her ink-supply to next year's 8A ink supplier.

17. James Pumiglio leaves his love for book-reading to Robert Hayden.

18. To Frances Bottone comes Florence Bush's glamorous hair-do.

19. Stanley Siminoko leaves his quiet voice and manner to Stanley Mientus.

20. Shirley Piper leaves her bashfulness to Jean Skower.

21. To next year's book worms we leave the library and all the books.

22. Micheline Scavotto leaves her ability to sew to Joan Cormier.

23. Chatter! Chatter! We all know that Doris Nosal is around. She hopes Louie Russo will carry on.

24. To anyone who likes to have his lunch period during class we leave all of Alice Krusinski's gum, candy, ice-cream and doughnuts, and don't worry, you don't need a ration book.

25. To the seventh grade girls we leave the eighth grade girls' hair-ribbons.

26. To Janet Mitchell comes Janet Kennedy's many tubes of lipstick. We hope she will use them all.

27. Sadie Passalacqua and Alice Malides leave their job cleaning Mr. White's office to some of the seventh graders who like dusting.

28. Benny Alaimo leaves his dark wavy hair to Tito Fiore. We hope it won't lose its curl.

29. Joyce Dinneen leaves her tom-boyish ways to Anna Manischalchi.

30. To Sophie Bonk comes Gloria Carroll's good posture.

31. Marilyn Creelman leaves her dimples to Mary Viola.

32. Ruth Maylott leaves her good penmanship to Eleanor Gizara.

33. Fred Hicks inherits Charles Halbwach's love for laziness during school class.

34. To any girl in the seventh grade who will accept it, Virginia Porcello leaves her art in makeup.

35. Donald Mullen, the "Huckleberry Finn" of the eighth grade leaves all his freckles to Margaret Johnson.

36. William Campbell leaves his excuses to any seventh grader who never has his homework done.

37. Carmelina Gaetani takes Evelyn Rybeck's pig-tails for the years of 1943-44.

38. Dominick Mangini and Jerry Sullivan leave their ability to talk like Donald Duck to next year's ducks.

39. To Miss Woods we leave a television set so that she may keep track of her 8B3 boys.

40. Jean Gabriel and Barbara Rein-

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hardt leave their good looks to Catherine Persano and Marilyn Evans.

41. Leo Arnone leaves his book entitled "How to Develop Muscles" by Charles Atlas, to Sam Sisitsky.

42. Ronald Wing leaves his henscratching in penmanship to William Thompson.

43. To Miss Fisher, our nurse, we extend our gratitude for the way she has helped us preserve our health.

44. To Mr. Zawada and Mr. Coleson we leave our thanks for the patience and good nature shown to us during lunch period.

45. To the faculty, who has guided us through two happy years at Higgins, we leave our deepest gratitude.

Well, dear friends, we are now about to depart. We trustingly leave this will to Mr. White to do what he pleases with it. We know he will not fail us.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto inscribed our names this ninth day of June, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-three.

Signed:

THE CLASS OF 1943

Jennie Porcello,
Gloria Carroll,
Philip Paré,
Attorneys.

Mary F. Clancy,
J. Therese Twomey,
C. Gertrude Flannery,
Witnesses.

Graduates of 1943



Benjamin Alaimo

President of Student Council,
Safety Patrol

In baseball Benny stands out,
Of his great ability there is no doubt.



Elvira Albano, "Verrie"

Honor Student, Defense Club,
Girl Reserves, Glee Club

Elvira is a pretty girl,
Lovely pink cheeks and hair in a curl.



Lillian Allegro, "Lil"

Lillian is always neat and nice,
Never has to be told to do a thing
twice.



Dorothy Allen, "Dot"

High Honor Student, Tatler
Staff, Glee Club, Defense Club
President

Dottie is an artistic lass,
And very studious in every class.



Frances Ambrosini, "Shorty"

High Honor Student, Defense
Club, Treasurer of Girl Re-
serves, Glee Club, Class History

Always dependable in our eyes,
Is little Frances, ever wise.



Agatha M. Arnone

High Honor, Girl Reserves, Glee
Club, Tatler Staff

Agatha wants to be a mathematician,
We're sure she'll reach a high position.



Lena Arnone, "Pinchy"

Honor Student

Lena is a quiet girl who likes to talk
sometimes,
When it comes to war stamps, she's
ready with her dimes.



Leo M. Arnone, "Lee"

Leo is exercising day and night,
To show Charles Atlas all his might.



Helen Marie Barszcz

Salutatorian, Vice-President,
Girl Reserves, Defense Club,
Student Council, Glee Club, Tat-
ler Staff

With her very fine mind and helpful
way,
In Miss Twomey's thoughts she'll al-
ways stay.



Elizabeth Bean, "Beans"

Defense Club

A jolly good spirit and happy, too,
We're sure she follows the golden rule.



Wanda Bednarski, "Wan"

Honor Student, Tatler Staff

Wanda is in school each day,
Always cheerful, happy, and gay.



Wilfred Bielitz, "Shorty"

Safety Patrol, Baseball

Wilfred is so very small,
If he ate spinach he would be tall.



Robert Blackmore

He likes to talk to the girls all right,
But he studies for a test with all his
might.



John C. Brigada, "Johnny"

Glee Club, Baseball

John is smart in everything,
But best of all he likes to sing.



Florence M. Bush, "Flo"

Honor Student, Defense Club,
Secretary of Girl Reserves

Florence studies when she should
That's why her report card is good.



William Campbell,

"Campbell Soup"

Who is making noise? Whoever can it
be?
Look for William—he's the one it's
sure to be.



Dominick Cardaropoli, "Buckey"

"Buckey" is his nickname,
His personality will bring him fame.



Gloria Carroll, "Goo-Goo"

High Honor Student, Class Will,
Defense Club, Girl Reserves

Our Gloria just loves to skate,
She's very dignified and stands very
straight.



Michael Carzello

Michael has nice curly hair,
He's quiet—but of fun he has his share.



Joseph Cerrato, "Joe"

Honor Student, Student Council,
Baseball

Joe is tall, clever, and wise,
He's honest, and never tells lies.



Joseph F. Cimino, "Joe"

Student Council, Safety Patrol,
Baseball

Joe plays games with spirit and zest,
As 8 B1 president he leads the class
best.



Charlotte Mae Clark, "Mae"

Glee Club

Quiet and orderly—all through the day,
Will always find our Charlotte Mae.



June M. Cowles, "Junie"

Honor Student, Defense Club,
Girl Reserves

June is small and very sweet,
And she is always very neat.



Marilyn C. Creelman

Honor Student, Girl Reserve,
Glee Club, Tatler Staff

Marilyn is so cute and petite,
Always willing and, oh! so sweet.



Anna M. D'Addabbo, "Ann"

Honor Student

Tall, slim, and braids so long,
With Anna we all can get along.



Charles P. Dedonis, "Tootsie"

Tatler Staff

Charles is merry all the day,
May all good things come his way.



Walter De Lisle "Chink"

Baseball

Walter is a very good friend,
And lots of time with you he'll spend.



Mario Di Franco

Honor Student

Mario is witty and has good looks,
And always enjoys new funny books.



Joyce P. Dineen

High Honor Student, Girl Re-
serves, Glee Club, Tatler Staff,
Class Prophecy

A finer girl you'll never find,
Brilliant, dependable, and very kind.



Albert Distazio, "Al"

To go to bed early is my pet hate.
Can't get up in the morning—so some-
times I'm late.



Dorothy Duda, "Duda"

Girl Reserves, Defense Club

Dorothy is a noisy lass,
As from room to room we see her pass.



Jean Field, "Jeannie"

Defense Club,- Girl Reserves,
Glee Club

Always willing, happy and fair,
Is little Jeanie with the light brown
hair.



Ralph Fiore, "Ray"

Honor Student

Ralph is nice in many a way,
He does his work well every day.



John R. Fleming, "Flash"

Honor Student. President of the
Class of 1943. Baseball

No one can keep Jackie blue,
For he is class president and jitterbugs,
too.



Ann Marie Frangiamore

Ann is a happy go lucky girl,
With large dark eyes and hair in a
curl.



Benjamin P. Frangiamore

President of Glee Club

His merry smile keeps us happy all
day,
And his conversation is usually gay.



Jean Gabriel, "Gabby"

Honor Student, Girl Reserves,
Defense Club

She's always happy and never blue,
There is no finer friend 'tis true.



Lillian Gacona

Tall and slim with curly hair,
Always particular about what she
wears.

A. D. HIGGINS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Charles W. Graham, "Chick"
High Honor Student, Tatler Staff

Just ask him once and the job is done,
A clever lad, and lots of fun.



Leland Goodale, "Lee"
Safety Patrol, Baseball

Leland with his twinkling eyes,
Is very clever and also wise.



Charles T. Halbwachs

A boy who likes to read all day,
And likes to listen to Alice Faye.



Robert C. Harrison
High Honor, Tatler Staff, Safety Patrol, Baseball

A great banker he's going to be,
Just watch and wait and you will see.



Lester Hicks
Baseball

Lester may be rather short,
But you can't find a better sport.



Sally Higginbotham
Girl Reserves

Sally's teeth are nice and white,
Because she keeps them just right.



Mary Katsis

Tall and slim and always gay,
Never at a loss for something to say.



Janet Kennedy, "Janette"

A laugh a day will dull your care,
And Janet always took her share.



Helen A. Kolakowski, "Kitty"

This new girl, we call her Kitty,
We'd say she's small, although she's pretty.



Edward Kot, "Eddie"
Baseball, Student Council

In all sports Eddie likes to excel,
And in classes, too, he always does well.



Louis Kozaczka

When Louis was with us we had a
good time,
With our very best wishes, we send
him this rhyme.



Edmond Krajewski, "Ed"
Safety Patrol

He's small and witty and very good
fun,
A boy who's well liked by everyone.



Walter Krupczak, "Vadeck"
Honor Student, Baseball

When you see Vadeck he's in gentle
repose,
That's why in the Conduct book his
name never goes.



Alice Krusinski
Honor Student, Defense Club,
Girl Reserves, Glee Club

Full of laughter and always gay,
She talks and talks throughout the day.



Helen A. Kubie
High Honor Student, Student
Council, Glee Club, Chairman of
Traffic Committee, Class History

Helen is very smart,
And exceptionally good at art.



Helen E. Kudla
Honor Student, Defense Club,
Glee Club

Helen always wears a smile,
We hope she keeps it all the while.



Dominick J. Lepore, "Fat"
Honor Student, Secretary of
Safety Patrol

Dominick's captain of the Safety Pa-
trol,
And he's always on the honor roll.



Marian B. Lucas, "Mae"
Honor Student, Secretary of
Student Council

Marion is pretty and very gay,
Smiling and happy throughout each
day.



Bernard MacKay, "Buddy"
Baseball

Bernard has a lot of pep,
When he gets going, watch him step.



Alice Malides, "Al"
Honor Student, Defense Club,
Girl Reserves, Glee Club

We shall always think and say,
"We're glad we met her on our way."

Dominick Mangini, "Dom"

Glee Club, Safety Patrol

Small in size and full of fun,
He has a smile for everyone.

Charles J. Maniscalchi, "Chick"

When Chick opens his big brown eyes,
All the girls think he looks very wise.

Bernice M. Maylott

Girl Reserves

Although she's not so very tall,
We like her with us one and all.

Ruth Maylott

High Honor Student, Secretary
of Defense Club, Student Council,
Glee Club, Tatler Staff

Whatever she does is done just right,
You'll find her helpful from morn 'till
night.

Rita L. Moak "Smoky"

High Honor Student, Girl Reserves,
Defense Club

She has a smile that's good to see,
In her company it's fun to be.

Donald Mullen, "Moon"

Honor Student

Donald is a farmer's son,
He knows that plowing's not all fun.

George Mumblo

Vice-President of Student Council,
second half, Honor Student,
Orchestra, Safety Patrol, Baseball

Bowling and music he certainly enjoys,
And with his work he never toys.

June C. Niemiec

High Honor, Defense Club, Girl Reserves,
Glee Club, Tatler Staff, Class Dues, Class Prophecy

One of the best dressers in our class,
A very fine sport and a brilliant lass.

William H. Norris, "Bill"

Baseball

William wants to own a band,
And some day that is where he'll land.

Doris Nosal

Girl Reserves, Defense Club

Doris is sweet and fair,
Her days go by without a care.

Marie O'Brien, "O.B."

High Honor Student, Girl Reserves,
Glee Club, Tatler Staff, Class Prophecy

Marie is attractive with a winning way,
And joyous and happy throughout the day.

Marilyn J. O'Neil, "Shorty"

Honor Student, Defense Club Treasurer,
Glee Club, Defense Stamps

Marilyn has brown hair and eyes,
When handling defense stamps she is very wise.

Efchia Pappas, "Effie"

Honor Student

Efchia's a girl who will never shirk,
And will always faithfully do her work.

Mary Parakilas, "Parky"

Defense Club, Glee Club, Girl Reserves

A girl who's charming, pleasant and true,
And while with her you'll never be blue.

Philip J. Paré, "Flip"

High Honor Student, Tatler Staff, Student Council, Glee Club,
Orchestra, Class Will, Baseball

He's ever ready, he's ever true,
Phil keeps our class from feeling blue.

Sadie Passalacqua, "Kitty"

Honor Student

Sadie is so kind and sweet,
Her disposition can't be beat.

Sophie M. Piorkowski, "So"

Honor Student, Glee Club, Girl Reserves, Defense Club

Not too serious, not too gay,
That's our Sophie every day.

Shirley J. Piper

Girl Reserves

I never have much to say,
But I do a lot of thinking.

Matthew E. Pliszka, "Mat"

Honor Student, Student Council Baseball

Mat Pliszka, husky and tall,
Shines in mathematics and basketball.

Raymond Pohorylo

Honor Student

Raymond sometimes likes to chat,
Still a sensible boy, we all know that.

A. D. HIGGINS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Jennie Porcello, "Jen"

High Honor Student, Defense Club, Girl Reserves, President Student Council, Glee Club, Tatler Staff, Class Will

Our president is Jennie Porcello, Her voice is soft, pleasant and mellow.

Virginia H. Porcello, "Virgi"

Virginia likes to show her beauty, But in school she does her duty.

Thelma R. Puleri, "Thel"

Defense Club, Girl Reserves, Glee Club

Happy-go-lucky, carefree, and true, You'll never find Thelma depressed or blue.

Lena Puma, "Lee"

Honor Student, Girl Reserves, Glee Club

Lena you'll find is lots of fun, And yet her work is always done.

James Pumiglio

Honor Student

James is especially fond of art, We know it's nearest to his heart.

Mary Radosti, "Minnie"

Defense Club

Mary doesn't spend her time with books, But she has attractive looks.

Shirley Raissi

Valedictorian, Defense Club, Girl Reserves, Glee Club, Tatler Staff

Shirley is smart, brilliant, too, Anything below an "A" will never do.

Barbara H. Reinhardt

Defense Club

Generous, kind, and pretty, too, She wins our hearts with her friendship true.

Frank Reino

Frank and Mike are very good friends, Together they are going to start raising hens.

Teresa Riley, "Irish"

Teresa is always ready for fun, But first she sees that her work is done.

Robert J. Rivard

Safety Patrol

Robert is a whizz at art, And is always kind at heart.

Francis Robinson, "Iski"

Honor Student, Treasurer of Student Council, Vice-President of Graduating Class, Tatler Staff, Safety Patrol, Orchestra, Baseball

In a happy mood is "Iski" all day, A mighty fine boy with a mannerly way.

Lorna Runkey, "Blondie"

Honor Student

A gay companion, whose fun we share, We wish we had her pretty blonde hair.

Evelyn E. Rybeck, "Tiny"

Honor Student, Student Council

A pretty girl in pigtails long, Is Evelyn Rybeck whose hair is strong.

Ernest V. Scavotto, "Ernie"

Safety Patrol, Orchestra

Ernie, although very small, Brings joy to one and all.

Micheline Scavotto, "Mickey"

High Honor Student, Defense Club, Girl Reserves, Glee Club Secretary, Orchestra

"Mickey" is charming, as we all know, A pretty complexion, and hair just so.

Stanley F. Sieminoko, "Staush"

Stanley is tall and full of fun, He plays baseball and likes to run.

Adela Skipton, "Laddie"

High Honor Student, Glee Club, Tatler Staff, Defense Stamps, Secretary of Student Council

A mighty fine story can Skippy write, In art class her drawings are quite a delight.

Michael J. Sperrazza, "Mike"

Honor Student

I'm sure that you will all agree, He's as handsome a boy as you will see.

Jerry Sullivan, "Sully Jr."

Student Council, Vice-President of Glee Club, Baseball

Jerry loves to fool and play, And has a smile that's very gay.



Helen M. Tuomala

High Honor Student, Glee Club, Defense Club, Class Dues, Tatler Staff, Girl Reserves President

Dependable, sincere, trustworthy and sweet,
Helpful, cheerful and always so neat.

Angelo Vella, "Andy"

Student Council, Baseball

When a job was open Angelo was found,
To be just the boy to bring the milk around.

Carmella Vella

Quiet and reserved is just her way,
You'll find her the same every day.

Paul Vella, "Pope"

Paul tries hard each day in school,
Not till his work's done, does he fool.

Clare Warzypski, "Clara Bell"

Clare is a boy of talent,
He is gay and very gallant.

Lewis Wilby, "Luke"

Baseball

Lewis is a friendly boy,
And you'll always find him full of joy.

Ronald Wing, "Wingy"

Baseball

Ronnie is happy in school so they say,
But at half past three he is on his way.

Brownislaw Yuodis, "Barney"

Honor Student

Barney is interested in the jobs of a Marine,
Shirking his duty he'll never be seen.

Evelyn Zirolli, "Evie"

Student Council

Evelyn is quiet and very sweet,
Her clothes are pretty and always neat.



Prizes

ONE of the most enjoyable parts of the A. D. Higgins graduation is the awarding of prizes to those boys and girls who have excelled in various phases of school work. The generosity of the organizations and individuals who offer the following prizes is greatly appreciated by the students and faculty.

The two pupils attaining the highest ranks in scholarship are awarded sums of money, as prizes in memory of Alvin D. Higgins. The highest honor student has his name engraved on the scholarship plaque which hangs in the lower corridor of the school and he also receives a scholarship key.

Through the generosity of one of our cherished friends, prizes of two dollars and fifty cents are presented to the boy and the girl making the greatest improvement in penmanship and dictation.

The Woman's Club of Enfield awards two prizes of five dollars in War Savings

Stamps to the students ranking highest in Mathematics and English.

To the student ranking highest in American History, the Veterans of the Foreign Wars present a prize of five dollars.

The Lion's Club awards a prize of two dollars and fifty cents to the student writing the best essay on the Four Freedoms.

On behalf of the school, Mr. White awards a prize of two dollars and fifty cents to the pupil who has shown the greatest improvement in school work.

The pupil who is chosen the best citizen of the graduating class receives a prize of two dollars and fifty cents, and a bronze key for good citizenship.

In recognition of outstanding ability and achievement in athletics, a medal is presented to the student most worthy of this honor.

Humor

SISTER'S FIRST DATE

Have you ever had a sister who thought
Of her beauty the livelong day?
Well I have one, and if you lack one,
Just hear what I've to say.

I ask myself the question, first,
"Gee, what's it all about?"
She's beginning to talk so sweetly
When she used to yell and shout.

And when I ask her a thing or two,
As why the pretty dress,

She stands and gasps and looks amazed,
As if I couldn't guess.

She buys herself the "duckiest hat"
Or so, at least says she,
But where the hat's so "ducky,"
I simply cannot see.

And when we're eating dinner
My sister is quite extreme,
For the poor kid's so excited,
She pours vinegar in for cream.

Micheline Scavatto.

"MEMOIRS"

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR
(with apologies to Longfellow)

Between nine o'clock and three-thirty,
When the day is at its best,
Is the time of toil and sweat and tears,
The hours when we have no rest.

We hear in the hallway below us,
The thumping of little feet,
The sound of a door that is creaking,
And a voice that isn't sweet.

From our rooms we see by the sunlight,
Ascending the stairs so long,
An angry teacher and a saddened boy,
Who has done an act, so wrong.

A cry and then all was silent,
Yet we knew by his tear-stained eyes,
That his plans for rollicking, lusty, fun,
Were captured by surprise.

Then the room was silent again,
And all were at their work,
They had lost all thought of the young-
ster's fate,
And the duty he tried to shirk.

Into History class we plod,
To learn about the Constitutional
Convention,
We're taught about wars and how
they've been won,
Oh, why don't they let us forget them.

We Hygiene students are becoming quite
broke,
From buying a pencil each week,

To take all the notes in Miss Flannery's
class,
A mechanical hand we seek.

Through the corridors into Music we
pour,
To let our voices ring,
School would be such a bore,
If they didn't let us sing.

English to us is such work,
Learning various parts of speech,
It mixes us up and we'd like to shirk,
But Miss Twomey the Digest begins
to preach.

Foot sore and weary we go into Math,
Where problems are taught to us all,
If only our brain would absorb all these,
Miss Woods' troubles would be small.

So all through the day we think and
dream,
While in Science or Civics or Art,
We plod along and hope and pray,
For the bell to play its part.

As the teacher prepared for more work,
And the children were fighting their
fears,
The tingling of a ringing bell
Was music to their ears.

At last the dreary quietness
Was lifted with laughter so gay,
As our high and haughty pranks,
At three-thirty were in array.

Marilyn Creelman,
Joyce Dineen.



THE TATLER STAFF

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SAFETY PATROL

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